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ANNUAL REPORT

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Municipal Officers

--- OF THE ---

Town of
SEARSMONT
MAINE

For the Municipal Year

1955

Annual Report

---of the---

Municipal Officers

---of the---

Town of
SEARSMONT, MAINE



For the Municipal Year

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THE KELLEY PRESS, BELFAST, MAINE

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

REV. HAROLD NUTTER

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

IRVIN R. JACKSON

CLARENCE E. GELO

CHARLES R. MACKENZIE

Town Treasurer

CLAYTON E. HOWES

Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Constable

RAYMOND J. ROBINSON

School Committee

MAYNARD MARRINER

LOUISE ROBBINS

HARRIETTE H. KNIGHT

School Superintendent

LEWIS L. GRAY

Health Officer

ETHEL BUTLER

Fire Chief

ERNEST SPROWL

TOWN OF SEARSMONT

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REPORT OF ASSESSORS

Real Estate, Resident.....	179,557.00	
Real Estate, Non-resident.....	111,160.00	
		290,717.00
Personal Estate, Resident.....	63,791.00	
Personal Estate, Non-resident.....	12,273.00	
		76,064.00
Total Value of Real and Personal Estate.....		366,781.00
Total Value of Land.....	104,367.00	
Total Value of Buildings.....	186,350.00	

TAXABLE LIVESTOCK AND DOMESTIC FOWL

32 Horses at \$23.00.....	710.00	
15 Steers & Bulls at \$25.00.....	375.00	
265 Milk Cows at \$42.00.....	13,230.00	
45 2 yr. old Heifers at \$40.00	1,785.00	
33 Heifers ,18 mos. at \$30.00.....	995.00	
20,240 Fowl all ages at \$.51.....	10,304.00	
		17,095.00

OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY

Stock in Trade.....	3,150.00
Unmanufactured material in mills	525.00
Logs.....	3,900.00
Fulpwood.....	1,250.00
Lumber.....	8,750.00
Gasoline Fumps.....	1,075.00
Boats.....	640.00

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Radios and T. V.'s.....	4,340.00	
Tractors.....	7,460.00	
Machinery & Equipment.....	17,575.00	
	<hr/>	48,665.00

EXEMPT

Livestock and Poultry.....	1,130.00	
Exempt Polls, 31 at \$3.00.....	93.00	
	<hr/>	1,223.00

ASSESSMENTS

128 Polls at \$3.00.....	384.00	
Real and Personal Estate valued at \$366,781.00 at 90 mills.....	33,013.00	
	<hr/>	33,397.00

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

TREASURER'S CASH ACCOUNT

Feb. 12, 1955 Cash on Hand.....	3,193.41	
Treasurer's Receipts.....	69,571.30	
Paid on Warrants.....		65,095.01
Feb. 8, 1956.....		4,476.29
	<hr/> 73,474.71	<hr/> 69,571.30

APPROPRIATIONS

Voted at Town Meeting.....	30,346.00	
County Tax.....	2,101.60	
Overlay.....	949.46	
Supplementary Tax.....	57.60	
June 2, Commitment.....		33,397.06
		57.60
	<hr/> 33,454.66	<hr/> 33,454.66

TOWN PROPERTY

Village School.....	10,200.00
No. Searsmont School.....	700.00
Union School.....	500.00
Town Hall Building & Garage.....	4,300.00
Road Machines.....	25.00
Snow Fence.....	400.00
3 Sanders.....	80.00
2 Safes.....	50.00
1-5 Interest in Weights & Measures....	30.00
$\frac{1}{2}$ Interest in 5 gal. Measure.....	7.00
1 Adding Machine.....	100.00
Typewriter.....	25.00

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Office Furniture.....	15.00	
Tractor and Snow Plow.....	3,000.00	
Fire Fighting Equipment.....	6,000.00	
Ripley Estate.....	3,500.00	
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		28,932.00

EXCISE TAX

Excise Tax Collections.....	3,054.68	
New England Road.....		500.00
Balance to Surplus.....		2,554.68
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	3,054.68	3,054.68

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMITMENT

Supplementary Commitment		57.60
Balance to Surplus.....	57.60	

OVERLAY

June 2, Committed.....	949.46	
Feb. 8, 1956, Carried to Surplus.....		949.46

ABATEMENTS

Abatement, 1955 Taxes.....		552.52
Feb. 8, 1956 Carried to Surplus	552.52	

1946 TAX ACCOUNT

Ira J. Packard, Collector

1946 Taxes Uncollected.....	56.09	
Feb. 8, 1956 Uncollected.....		56.09

1953 TAX ACCOUNT

Feb. 12, Uncollected.....	5.68	
Uncollected to 1956.....		5.68
1953 Tax Liens.....		983.12

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1954 TAX ACCOUNT

R. J. Robinson, Collector

Feb. 12, Uncollected.....	1,904.82	
Collected and paid to Treasurer.....		563.17
1954 Tax Liens.....		1,245.49
By Abatements.....		96.16
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	1,904.82	1,904.82

1955 TAX ACCOUNT

R. J. Robinson, Collector

June 2, Commitment.....	33,397.00	
Supp. Commitment.....	57.60	
Collected and paid to Treasurer.....		31,146.76
Feb. 8, Abatements.....		641.92
Feb. 8, Uncollected to 1956.....		1,665.92
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	33,454.60	33,454.60

COUNTY TAX

County Tax.....	2,101.60	
Dec. 27, Paid County Treas.....		2,101.60

1955 UNPAID TAXES (Resident)

Brown, Burton.....	3.00
Callahan, Malcolm.....	36.00
Drummond, Bertrand A.....	149.75
Fuller, Donald.....	14.40
Fuller, Agnes G.....	108.90
Fuller, Norman.....	47.25
Fuller, Lewis.....	13.50
Fuller, Milon.....	18.00
Harriman, Hilda A.....	49.95
Harmond, Alton A.....	104.05
Lucas, Donald.....	55.65
Marriner, Clifton T. & Myrtle.....	40.50

Marriner, Harry F.....	20.25
Mortise, Shirley T. & Videll J.....	31.50
Mehuren, Donald E. & Irene F.....	127.35
Nelson, Paul L.....	34.65
Fearse, Basil A. & Jennie A.....	73.70
Patten, Wylie.....	2.25
Ripley, Horace L.....	38.25
Smith, Harry E. & Lena.....	60.75
Sharkey, Louise.....	34.20

1955 UNPAID TAXES (Non-Resident)

Butler, Herbert.....	4.50
Burke, Harrison L.....	58.50
Callahan, Leon O. & Malcolm.....	13.50
Callahan, Leon O.....	25.65
Cormier, Leo F.....	97.65
Cossar, Geo. A., Jr. & Pauline M.	14.85
Carr, Byron A.....	25.20
Carter, Raymond E. & C. E. Dudley	18.00
Conant, Charles.....	22.50
Farrington, Stewart M.....	54.90
Jones, Ora W., Heirs or Devises of.....	2.00
Ingalls, John.....	31.50
Murphy, Jerry E.....	19.80
Miller, Harry & Son.....	4.95
Parker, Marlton.....	2.25
Reed, Lillian C. & Archie B.....	63.90
Skinner, Laura.....	18.00
Steves, Sadie.....	22.05
Sparrow, Hale L.....	4.50
Storti, Louis P.....	76.50
Tenney, Earl W.....	36.00
Tenney, Jane.....	9.90
Thibodeau, Eva.....	.50
Whitehead, Walter, Heirs of.....	36.00
Williams, MacKenzie.....	9.00

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1954 UNPAID TAX LIENS (Resident)

Callahan, Malcolm.....	34.00
Drummond, Bertrand A.....	130.90
Fuller, Agnes G.....	102.85
Fuller, Norman.....	44.63
Fuller, Lewis.....	12.75
Harriman, Hilda A.....	47.18
Leadbetter, Norman E.....	49.14
Parker, Marlton.....	2.13
Ripley, Norman L.....	4.25
Smith, Harry & Lena.....	57.38

1954 UNPAID TAX LIENS (Non-Resident)

Callahan, Leon O. & Malcolm.....	12.75
Callahan, Leon O.....	35.70
Carter, Ivan.....	4.25
Ellis, Ambrose.....	18.70
Farrington, Stewart M.....	51.85
Murphy, Jerry E.....	18.70
Miller, Harry & Son.....	4.68
Whitehead, Walter, Heirs of.....	14.00

TOWN PROPERTY ACCOUNT

Cobb, Ida I. & Div.....
Sweetland, Philip & Lillian.....
Giggy, W. O.....
Callahan, Leon O.....
Barlow, Lenora.....
Fuller, Ethelyn.....

MUNICIPAL TAX ANTICIPATION TEMPORARY LOANS

Mar. 17, First Nat'l Bank of Belfast	4,000.00
May 21, First Nat'l Bank of Belfast	3,000.00

Sept. 26, First Nat'l Bank of Belfast		3,000.00
Jan. 30, Paid First Nat'l Bank of Belfast.....	10,000.00	
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	10,000.00	10,000.00

GHENT & BICKFORD BRIDGE LOAN

Feb. 12, 1955 due First Nat'l Bank		2,550.00
Aug. 5, paid First Nat'l Bank.....	650.00	
Feb. 8, 1956 due First Nat'l Bank	1,900.00	
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	2,550.00	2,550.00

HURRICANE LOAN

Feb. 12, 1955 due First Nat'l Bank		4,000.00
Feb. 6, 1956 paid First Nat'l Bank	2,000.00	
Feb. 8, 1956, due First Nat'l Bank	2,000.00	
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	4,000.00	4,000.00

INTEREST ON LOANS

Appropriation.....		250.00
Balance from 1954.....		9.20
First Nat'l Bank.....		20.00
Paid First Nat'l Bank of Belfast	517.62	
Overdraft to Surplus.....		238.42
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	517.62	517.62

COLLECTOR'S COMMISSION

Appropriation.....		650.00
Paid R. J. Robinson.....	681.01	
Overdraft to Surplus.....		31.01
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	681.01	681.01

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STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation		150.00
Balance from 1954		14.80
Paid Central Maine Power Co.....	134.20	
Unexpended to 1956.....	30.60	
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	164.80	164.80

TOWN GARAGE BUILDING

Balance from 1954.....		33.95
Distribution:		
C. E. Gelo.....	16.15	
Chas. MacKenzie.....	3.80	
C. E. Howes	1.11	
Sprowl Brothers.....	1.08	
Unexpended to 1956.....	11.81	
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	33.95	33.95

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Appropriation.....		1,400.00
Distribution:		
Norman Withee, 2nd Selectman.....	137.95	
R. B. Knight, 1st Selectman.....	281.02	
Irvin R. Jackson, 1st Selectman.....	201.40	
Rev. Harold Nutter, Moderator.....	15.00	
R. J. Robinson, Town Clerk & Constable.....	61.20	
Viljo Hill, 3rd Selectman.....	94.05	
Harcourt Daniels, Ballot Clerk.....	9.00	
Charles R. MacKenzie, 3rd Selectman	76.50	
C. E. Gelo, 2nd Selectman.....	170.00	
Charlotte Sweetland, Ballot Clerk	9.00	
B. Cushman, Ballot Clerk.....	9.00	

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P. Merritt, Ballot Clerk	9.00	
C. E. Howes, Treasurer.....	150.00	
Ethel Butler, Health Officer	21.90	
Maynard Marriner, School Com.	20.00	
Harriette Knight, School Com.....	20.00	
Louise Robbins, School Com.....	20.00	
E. O. Sprowl, Fire Chief.....	75.00	
R. Shepard, Constable.....	8.00	
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	1,388.02	
Feb. Unexpended to Surplus.....	11.98	
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	1,400.00	1,400.00

TOWN REPORT, FUEL AND OFFICE SUPPLIES

Appropriation	800.00	
Distribution:		
Liberty & Belfast Tel. & Tel.....	36.50	
Thelma Ratten.....	19.35	
Loring, Short & Harmon.....	71.46	
Palmer's Book Store.....	3.90	
Central Maine Power Co.....	20.72	
Home Appliance Co.....	98.55	
Kelley Press.....	227.31	
Hutchins Bros.....	9.65	
R. J. Robinson.....	26.40	
Village Market.....	1.44	
Marks Printing House.....	55.21	
C. E. Howes.....	3.40	
R. B. Knight.....	1.86	
Hall Hardware Co.....	1.79	
First Nat'l Bank of Belfast.....	5.00	
Feb. Unexpended to Surplus.....	217.46	
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	800.00	800.00

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CONTINGENT ACCOUNT

Appropriation.....	450.00
Lien Cost Credits.....	146.25
State Treas., Bowles Rent.....	62.00
State Treas., Refund R. R. & Tel. Tax.....	12.52
State Treas., Bank Stock Tax.....	52.17
Contents Ripley Garage.....	76.00
Frank Jackson, Stove.....	5.00

Distribution:

C. E. Gelo.....	27.00
Lorimer Eaton.....	10.00
Field & Quimby.....	106.04
First Nat'l Bank of Belfast.....	33.52
Hoel Sanker.....	6.80
City Drug Store.....	4.90
Waldo County Registry of Deeds.....	9.80
R. J. Robinson.....	129.00
Harold Putnam.....	4.00
A. W. Adams.....	4.60
R. B. Knight.....	10.30
Maine Municipal Ass'n.....	35.00
Viljo Hill.....	1.80
Don Lucas.....	4.00
Village Market.....	7.96
A. C. Keane.....	27.50
D. Knight.....	12.00
James Duncan.....	24.00
Loring, Short & Harmon.....	27.66
Central Maine Power Co.....	8.51
Judson Sweetland.....	25.00
Lawrence Robbins.....	14.00
Perley Allen.....	5.95
Petrometal Industries.....	37.00
State Treasurer.....	236.02

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Irvin Jackson.....	10.10	
Frost & Wilkins.....	29.21	
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	851.67	
Feb. Overdraft to Surplus.....		47.73
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	851.67	851.67

ROAD & BRIDGE ACCOUNT

Appropriation.....	4,000.00
Cr. R. B. Knight.....	17.99
Cr. C. E. Gelo.....	3.00

Distribution:

J. Buck.....	29.25
M. Butler.....	37.13
D. Brown.....	14.00
A. Hammond.....	.90
H. Drinkwater.....	7.00
S. Brothers.....	91.56
O. Bryant.....	8.80
W. Gorham.....	6.00
Village Market.....	7.42
G. Ripley.....	2.00
W. H. Shurtleff Co.....	118.65
Hall Hardware Co.....	1.36
T. Palermo.....	66.00
R. Brown.....	27.01
State of Maine.....	138.66
M. H. Glidden.....	93.50
F. Lucas.....	520.99
E. Bagley.....	16.50
W. Gerrish.....	14.76
L. Paul.....	121.60
L. McKenney.....	10.40
W. Heath.....	29.25

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Eli Moulton.....	29.25
Ralph Pease.....	29.25
Bill Wellman.....	20.25
F. Weeks, Jr.....	9.00
D. S. Clark	6.85
W. Patten.....	7.50
D. Mehuren.....	26.10
F. W. Pettis.....	41.00
N. Leadbetter	22.00
R. Ames	3.00
C. Drinkwater.....	332.45
Howard Clark.....	215.90
D. Knight	1.42
A. Merritt.....	1.42
W. Fuller.....	2.85
J. A. Robbins & Son.....	107.23
State Sand & Gravel Co.....	23.38
A. Fuller.....	43.86
H. Mehuren.....	22.88
I. Jackson	98.35
M. Davis	18.80
C. Grady.....	3.82
M. Hunt.....	56.20
J. Bertlett	180.76
C. Conant	27.55
C. MacKenzie.....	19.58
Frank Fuller.....	50.05
Albert Thomas.....	34.68
B. M. Clark Co.....	19.00
Bancroft & Martin.....	546.40
George Thomas.....	4.75
Roy Sparrow.....	50.90
Lucas & Cross.....	227.00
Don Lucas.....	38.20
Louis Storti.....	64.45
C. Brier.....	11.00
H. Marriner.....	167.00

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R. B. Knight.....	14.50	
A. Buck.....	16.25	
B. Brown.....	58.00	
V. Hill.....	42.00	
C. Gelo.....	54.96	
M. Lake.....	46.84	
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	4,159.37	
Feb. 8, Overdraft to Surplus.....		138.38
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	4,159.37	4,159.37

SPECIAL RESOLVE MAINTENANCE

Appropriation.....		300.00
Balance from 1954.....		228.83
Feb. 8, carried to State Aid Const.	195.11	
Feb. 8, carried to surplus.....	333.72	
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	528.83	528.83

THIRD CLASS ROAD MAINTENANCE

Appropriation.....		500.00
Feb. 12, Transferred to State Aid		
No. 6.....	500.00	

NEW ENGLAND ROAD

Appropriation.....		500.00
Balance from 1954.....		1,253.15
Feb. 8, Transferred from Excise Tax		500.00
Distribution:		
Sprowl Brothers.....	267.43	
Willis Gerrish.....	77.90	
John Fitzsimmons.....	225.00	
Norman Peabody.....	78.75	

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Town of Palermo.....	56.10	
Raymond Brown.....	39.15	
Walter Sprowl.....	146.25	
C. Drinkwater.....	133.00	
H. Clark.....	154.38	
James Bartlett.....	131.60	
Richard Sprowl.....	28.50	
Ralph Pease.....	66.63	
Louis Storti.....	49.50	
D. S. Clark.....	66.45	
M. H. Glidden.....	405.00	
Warren Heath.....	35.75	
Leroy Paul.....	23.63	
Lawrence McKinney.....	10.50	
Clarence Gelo.....	96.20	
Merton Lake.....	192.40	
Bancroft & Martin.....	3.72	
Overdraft to Surplus.....		34.69
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	2,287.84	2,287.84

HURRICANE EDNA

State Treasurer.....		4,051.20
Distribution:		
Lucas & Cross.....	98.00	
Clarence Drinkwater.....	185.60	
Howard Clark.....	133.12	
Walter Sprowl.....	81.25	
Earl Pearse.....	19.50	
Merrill Butler.....	38.75	
James Bartlett.....	22.40	
John Pottle.....	39.00	
Freeman Wooster.....	58.00	
Albert Thomas.....	28.80	
George Thomas.....	12.00	
Gardner Ripley.....	24.00	

Sprowl & Robbins.....	32.60	
Lawrence Robbins.....	13.60	
Burton Brown.....	26.00	
Harry Marriner.....	133.60	
Dan Knight.....	8.00	
Sprowl Brothers.....	304.55	
Jennice Robbins.....	21.00	
Arthur Buck.....	14.62	
Harland Drinkwater.....	4.00	
Charles MacKenzie.....	14.00	
Irvin Jackson.....	8.00	
M. H. Glidden.....	479.00	
Ralph Pease.....	26.00	
Leroy Paul.....	52.00	
Harold Dyer.....	26.00	
Edward Beckett.....	26.00	
Louis Storti.....	8.00	
C. E. Gelo.....	47.07	
Merton Lake.....	8.55	
Feb. 8, Balance to 1956.....	2,058.19	
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	4,051.20	4,051.20

TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENT

State Treasurer.....		4,389.82
Distribution:		
M. H. Glidden.....	2,343.72	
Bancroft & Martin.....	288.27	
Charles Freeman.....	42.75	
Harry Marriner.....	137.44	
M. W. Butler.....	81.75	
Clarence Drinkwater.....	121.40	
Howard Clark.....	100.62	
Edward Beckett.....	84.50	
Reginald Haskell.....	113.75	
Henry Bovine.....	53.62	

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Walter Sprowl.....	97.51
Clarence Heald	164.30
Louis Storti.....	60.50
Sprowl Brothers	87.96
Willis Gerrish.....	31.98
John Fitzsimmons	74.25

Distribution:

Norman Peabody	26.25	
Clarence Gelo.....	15.20	
Merton Lake.....	30.30	
Donald Mehuren.....	73.40	
Harold Dyer.....	30.88	
Myron Glendenning	8.13	
Royce Nelson	30.88	
Lee Larrabee.....	30.88	
Eli Moulton.....	58.51	
Arthur Beldin	21.38	
George Swett.....	30.88	
Richard Kenney.....	30.88	
George Beldin.....	9.50	
Clyde Briggs.....	7.00	
Ralph Richardson.....	9.50	
Basil Fearse.....	7.00	
D. S. Clark.....	19.87	
Ralph Pease.....	29.25	
James Bartlett.....	28.00	
Leroy Paul.....	22.50	
Lawrence McKinney.....	10.00	
Warren Heath.....	22.75	
Richard Kenney.....	26.00	
Town of Palermo.....	49.50	
Raymond Brawn.....	20.25	
Overdraft to Surplus.....		143.19
	<hr/> 4,533.01	<hr/> 4,533.01

STATE AID ROAD NO. 6

Appropriation.....	1,066.00
State Treasurer.....	2,132.00
From 3rd Class Maintenance	500.00
From Special Resolve Road Maint.....	195.11

Distribution:

M. H. Glidden.....	242.74	
Edward Bagley.....	46.50	
D. S. Clark.....	67.13	
Louis Storti.....	50.00	
Sprowl Brothers.....	186.18	
Willis Gerris.....	71.34	
John Fitzsimmons.....	198.00	
Norman Peabody.....	70.00	
Clarence Drinkwater.....	96.60	
Howard Clark.....	141.38	
James Bartlett.....	54.60	
Corin Clark.....	36.00	
M. H. Glidden.....	446.50	
Edward Bagley.....	58.50	
Harry Marriner.....	12.00	
John Fitzsimmons.....	72.00	
Norman Peabody.....	25.50	
Sprowl Brothers.....	45.02	
Willis Gerrish.....	14.76	
Clarence Drinkwater.....	22.40	
Howard Clark.....	26.00	
Louis Storti.....	27.00	
D. S. Clark.....	47.95	
Bancroft & Martin.....	526.42	
Hugo Weisgall.....	275.50	
State Treasurer for Tar.....	1,033.09	
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	3,893.11	3,893.11

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POND ROAD

Appropriation.....	200.00
Balance from 1954.....	41.14

Distribution:

Clarence Drinkwater.....	33.40	
Charles Conant.....	3.80	
Harry Marriner.....	72.00	
Charles MacKenzie.....	6.65	
Gardner Ripley.....	12.00	
Freeman Wooster.....	18.00	
Howard Clark.....	26.00	
Nathan Pease.....	26.00	
Feb. 8, Unexpended to 1956.....	43.29	
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	241.14	241.14

SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation.....	900.00
State Treasurer	2,787.20
Hall Hardware Co.....	10.50
Town Treasurer	130.63

Distribution:

Freeman Wooster.....	44.00
Hall Hardware Co.....	48.96
W. H. Shurtleff	314.14
George Sheldon.....	210.88
Harry Marriner.....	640.00
Robert Merritt.....	6.00
Parker Danner Co.....	55.00
Burton Brown	19.50
Roger Bartlett.....	32.00
Don Mehuren.....	7.00
Town of Searsmont.....	130.63

Drummond Heminway.....	60.50
Gardner Heminway.....	62.00
Fensen Bartlett.....	21.00
Eastern Tractor Equipment	39.24
R. B. Knight.....	1.62
Fred Lucas.....	25.00
Claude Turner.....	2.50
Neil Gibbs.....	39.90
Gardner Ripley.....	22.80
Walter Fuller.....	23.58
Kenneth Fuller.....	12.35
State Treasurer.....	134.00
Leroy Parnell.....	2.85
Reginald Wing.....	2.85
Stephen Shaber.....	9.98
M. W. Blake.....	6.92
Don Mehuren.....	41.13
Ralph Pease.....	35.75
M. W. Butler.....	28.12
H. Clark.....	35.75
Warren Heath, Sr.	215.50
Warren Heath, Jr.....	52.00
Louis Storti.....	85.50
Willis Gerrish.....	18.04
Charles MacKenzie.....	167.50
Jud Sweetland.....	47.60
Thomas Bagley.....	68.88
Norman Gerrish.....	19.95
C. W. Gelo.....	25.64
C. E. Howe.....	28.65
Irvin Jackson.....	375.00
Village Market.....	29.19
Sprowl Brothers.....	74.13
Perley Allen.....	565.00
James Bartlett.....	683.42
Don Lucas.....	138.81
Wilbur Fuller.....	4.75

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C. E. Gelo.....	183.58	
C. W. Drinkwater.....	411.83	
Norman Leadbetter.....	232.03	
Overdraft to 1956.....		783.87
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	4,612.20	4,612.20

FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT

Appropriation.....		1,000.00
R. B. Knight.....		25.00
Special Town Meeting.....		2,000.00
Special Town Meeting.....		1,000.00

Distribution:

Sprowl Brothers.....	5.26	
M. W. Blake.....	.81	
Village Market.....	31.20	
Roger A. Stewart, Inc.....	2,384.20	
Dean & Eugley.....	1,439.58	
Jasper Rawley.....	144.25	
C. E. Howes.....	24.24	
Overdraft to Surplus.....		9.91
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	4,034.91	4,034.91

WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST CONTROL

Appropriation.....	200.00
Balance from 1954.....	11.67
State Treasurer.....	199.99

Distribution:

Clarence Gelo.....	235.98	
Laurice Poland.....	165.00	
Unexpended balance to surplus.....	10.68	
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	411.66	411.66

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PUBLIC HEALTH ACCOUNT

Appropriation.....		55.00
Distribution:		
State Treasurer.....	55.00	
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	55.00	55.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		200.00
Balance to 1956.....	200.00	
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	200.00	200.00

POOR RELIEF

Appropriation.....		1,500.00
Distribution:		
Case No. 1		
City Drug Store.....	125.33	
Kirk Drug Store.....	109.34	
George Clement.....	264.00	
Dr. John Caswell.....	15.00	
Dr. Seth Reed.....	3.00	
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	516.71	
Case No. 2		
Village Market.....	48.91	
Unexpended balance to 1956.....	934.38	
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	1,500.00	1,500.00

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PORCUPINE BOUNTY

Received from State.....		72.00
Due from State		32.50
Cash on Hand.....		20.50
Paid to Town Treasurer.....	125.00	
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	125.00	125.00

STATE POOR RELIEF

State Treasurer	1,521.71
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Distribution:

Case No. 1

Dr. John Caswell.....	198.00
Kirk Drug Store.....	61.37
Stewart Chase	44.00
R. J. Robinson.....	20.00
City Drug Store.....	22.06
Waldo County General Hospital.....	680.50
Dr. McDonald.....	5.00
R. B. Knight.....	6.00
Raymond Torry, M. D.....	25.00
Frost & Wilkins.....	112.72
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	1,174.65

Case No. 2

Dr. John Caswell.....	106.00
City Drug Store.....	46.20
Dr. M. G. Collins.....	8.00
M. W. Blake.....	117.04
Kirk Drug Store.....	2.00
Irvin Jackson.....	30.00
Waldo County General Hospital.....	141.20
Mervin W. Bird, O. D.....	47.00

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Wade & Hurd.....	39.79
C. E. Gelo.....	22.42
Colburn Shoe Store.....	5.95
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	565.60

Case No. 3

Dr. M. G. Collins.....	30.00	
Due from State Treasurer.....		193.54
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	1,715.25	1,715.25

MOTHERS' AID

Appropriation.....	1,500.00
From 1954.....	323.58

Distribution:

State Treasurer.....	668.93
Unexpended balance to 1956.....	1,154.65
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	1,823.58
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	1,823.58

SUPPLEMENT AID TO OLD AGE AND BLIND

Appropriation.....	1,000.00
Town of Jackson.....	131.00

Distribution:

Case No. 1	
City Drug Store.....	36.54
George Clements.....	356.00
Stevenson & Son.....	9.74
Seth Reed, M. D.....	5.00
Unexpended to 1956.....	723.72
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	1,131.00
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	1,131.00

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SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIR & INSURANCE

Appropriation.....	800.00
Feb. 8, Balance from 1954.....	23.05

Distribution:

Field & Quimby, Inc.....	127.44	
Larrabee Brothers.....	31.21	
Clewes Electric Motor.....	60.22	
Charles MacKenzie.....	20.00	
Hall Hardware Co.....	9.73	
Walter Aldus.....	51.25	
Mollison's Inc.....	7.04	
Clark Agency.....	25.60	
Clarence Drinkwater.....	12.40	
Sprowl Brothers.....	4.68	
Beaver Wood Products, Inc.....	150.00	
Village Market.....	5.24	
A. O. Parmenter.....	1.14	
Town of Washington.....	35.00	
Balance to 1956.....	282.10	
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	823.05	823.05

SCHOOL LUNCH

Appropriation.....	200.00
From 1954.....	41.64

Distribution:

Fox & Ginn, Inc.....	4.35	
Lewis Gray.....	18.35	
Searsmont P. T. A.....	135.41	
Unexpended to 1956.....	158.11	
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	283.53	283.53

COMMON SCHOOLS

Appropriation.....	11,000.00
State Treasurer.....	2,926.23
Town Treasurer.....	551.00
From 1954.....	1,942.59
From School Superintendent.....	32.26

Distribution:

Addie Fuller.....	1,398.49
Harleth Davis.....	1,578.43
Hazel Bagley.....	1,648.32
Stella Carver.....	1,490.43
Roberta Riley.....	144.83
Annie Drinkwater.....	1,360.00
Charles MacKenzie.....	1,654.00
Frost & Wilkins, Inc.....	905.90
Liberty & Belfast Tel. & Tel. Co.....	13.10
C. B. Dodge Co.....	4.44
American Book Co.....	11.80
Maine Teachers' Retirement.....	365.85
City of Belfast.....	2,141.52
Central Maine Power Co.....	128.34
Town of Montville.....	400.00
Lewis L. Gray.....	491.22
Director of Internal Revenue.....	861.60
Glidhill Brothers.....	118.14
World Book Co.....	19.80
C. E. Howes.....	8.83
Berniece Keene.....	12.73
Town Treasurer.....	435.00
Hutchins Brothers.....	8.25
Department of Health & Welfare.....	3.90
Allyn & Bacon, Inc.....	39.68
Cascade Paper Co.....	5.49
MacMillan Co.....	19.46
Village Market.....	7.34
Loring, Short & Harmon.....	130.55

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Sprowl Brothers.....	3.00	
Ginn & Co.....	160.83	
Marrieta Grey.....	6.00	
R. & G. Typewriter Dist.....	2.86	
Houghton Mitten Co.....	1.51	
Town of Searsmont.....	116.00	
Feb. 8, Unexpended to 1956	754.42	
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	16,452.08	16,452.08

SUPPLEMENT CARE OF OAK GROVE CEMETERY
AND OTHERS

Appropriation.....		200.00
Balance from 1954.....		70.05
First National Bank.....		25.00
Expenditures:		
Village Market.....	15.64	
Louis Storti.....	98.00	
Feb. 8, Unexpended to 1956	171.41	
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	295.05	295.05

OLD CEMETERIES & FLAGS

Appropriation.....		500.00
First National Bank.....		20.78
Distribution:		
Charles MacKenzie.....	68.50	
Louis Storti.....	254.15	
Freeman Wooster.....	25.85	
George Cossar, Jr.....	51.00	
Loring, Short & Harmon.....	36.00	
Brierbuilt Boat Co.....	13.70	
Hall Hardware Co.....	109.70	
Village Market.....	4.42	

Sprowl Brothers.....	85.00	
Elinor MacKenzie.....	10.20	
Overdraft to Surplus.....		137.74
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	658.52	658.52

ROBBINS ROAD

Appropriation.....		100.00
Distribution:		
Arthur Buck.....	26.00	
Ralph Pease.....	21.00	
Sprowl Brothers.....	53.00	
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	100.00	100.00

CHARLES RIPLEY INCOME ACCOUNT

Feb. 7, 1955, Bal. in First Nat'l Bank	574.02	
Withdrawals.....		183.00
Deposits.....	390.00	
Interest.....	6.55	
Feb. 8, 1956, Bal. in 1st Nat'l Bank.....		787.57
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	970.57	970.57

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Appropriation.....		250.00
Distribution:		
Sprowl Brothers.....	127.19	
Feb. 8, Balance to 1956.....	122.81	
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	250.00	250.00

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SURPLUS ACCOUNT

Feb. 11, 1955, Balance as per Audit....		609.64	
Feb. 8, 1956, Supplementary			
Commitment.....		57.60	
" " " Excise Tax.....		2,554.68	
" " " Town Officers' Salaries		11.98	
" " " Town Property		503.27	
" " " Overlay.....		949.46	
" " " Abatements 1954-55.....	551.59		
" " " Collector's Com.	31.01		
" " " Contingent	47.73		
" " " Roads & Bridges.....	138.38		
" " " Town Road Imp.	143.19		
" " " Fire Dept. Equipment	991.00		
" " " White Pine Blister Rust		10.68	
" " " New England Road.....	34.69		
" " " Ghent & Bickford			
Bridges		78.42	
" " " Special Resolve Road			
Maintenance		333.72	
" " " Old Cemeteries & Flags	137.74		
" " " Int. on loans.....	238.42		
" " " Balance to 1956.....	2,795.90		
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	5,109.65	5,109.65	

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on Hand Feb. 13, 1955.....		3,193.41
R. J. Robinson, 1955 Tax.....	31,146.76	
R. J. Robinson, 1954 Tax.....	563.17	
R. J. Robinson, 1955 Excise Tax	3,054.68	
		34,764.61
First Nat'l Bank of Belfast.....	13,000.00	13,000.00
Received from State Treasurer:		
Hurricane Edna.....	4,051.20	
State School Fund.....	2,926.23	
State Poor Relief.....	1,521.71	
Town Road Improvement.....	2,813.77	
Snow Removal.....	2,787.20	
R. R. & Tel. Refund.....	12.52	
Bank Stock Tax Refund.....	52.17	
Rent Town Property.....	50.00	
State Aid Road.....	895.86	
White Pine Blister.....	199.99	
		15,310.65
Withholding Tax Cr.....	551.00	
Hall Hardware Co., Refund.....	10.50	
Tractor & Sanders.....	130.63	
Contents Ripley Garage.....	76.00	
School House Stove.....	5.00	
Lien Cost Credit.....	146.25	
Rent, W. Bowles.....	12.00	
Porcupine Credit.....	72.00	
Refund, Interest First Nat'l Bank	20.00	
Old Cemetery Bond Interest.....	20.78	

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Oak Grove Cemetery.....	25.00
Town Hall Cellar Stove.....	25.00
Town of Jackson.....	131.00
R. B. Knight, Culvert.....	17.99
C. E. Gelo, Refund.....	3.00
Town Property.....	503.27

 1,749.42

Tax Lien Sales: (1953)

Stewart Farrington.....	19.41
Laura Skinner by E. Warren.....	16.20
Lawrence Cushman.....	101.25
Herbert Butler.....	4.05
Leon Callahan by Malcolm Callahan.....	23.09
Malcolm Callahan.....	44.55
Ambrose Ellis.....	17.82
Jerry Murphy.....	17.82
Lysander Palmer.....	4.46
Wm. Hjulstrom.....	4.05
Clarence Heald.....	17.82
Alton Hammond.....	121.29
Rose Cogswell by Milton Hills.....	4.05
Hilda Harriman.....	44.96
Willis Gerrish.....	87.89
Agnes Fuller by Wylie Patten.....	97.20
C. E. Gelo.....	5.67
Norman Fuller.....	42.53
B. E. Drummond.....	124.74
Norman Ripley.....	28.35
Harry & Lena Smith.....	72.90
Norman Leadbetter.....	60.00

 960.10

1954 Tax Lien Sales:

Clifton & Myrtle Marriner by	
G. Skinner.....	11.68
Ralph Fowler.....	9.35
Lawrence Cushman.....	99.45
Gladys Brown..	84.15
Wm. Hjulstrom.....	4.25
Herbert Butler.....	4.25
Alton Hammond.....	55.36
Lawrence & Marie Colby.....	25.34
Harry Young.....	4.35
Clarence Heald.....	18.70
Louise Sharkey.....	32.30
Walter Aldus.....	54.38
Byron Carr.....	66.30
Norman Ripley.....	34.00
Merton Wood.....	55.25
Lester Stearns.....	34.00
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	593.11
Total Receipts.....	69,571.30
Less Warrants Drawn.....	65,095.01
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	4,476.29

CLAYTON E. HOWES
Treasurer

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

There were 9 Births.

There were 10 Deaths.

There were 8 Marriages.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND J. ROBINSON

Town Clerk, 1955-1956

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

The general public appears to be much more aware than ever before of the importance of good physical and mental health. Many factors have contributed to this growing awareness: television, radio, movies, newspaper and magazine articles, along with many other influences, have all played an important part in emphasizing good health. However, a close study and observation of many communities show one fact. The citizens in those communities where there is an organized Health Council or active Health Committee are the ones that are best informed and the ones who give the best support to all health activities. This bears out our firm conviction that there is no substitute for person to person education and actual participation in health programs.

Searsmont can well be proud of the health services provided for its citizens in the year 1955. To mention a few of these services:

3 Child Health Conferences have been held. 19 infant and pre-school children attended. 6 children were vaccinated against smallpox, 14 were protected against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus.

Folio vaccine was offered to the children in the First and Second grades, but the response to this service was very small.

Your public health nurse has provided nursing care on a demonstration basis, and consultation with parents and groups through home visits and community activities. Consultation service to teachers and other school personnel has been a regular activity of the Nurse's program. As much as possible, efforts have been made to help solve school health problems by working cooperatively with the family and school.

Good teamwork between the home, Community groups, Health Council and Health Workers points out the way toward an even more successful Community Health Program in 1956.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA CREAMER

Public Health Nurse

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Resources

Balance on Hand, Feb. 1, 1955.....	2,508.99	
Raised by Town.....	11,000.00	
State School Fund.....	6,719.28	
Professional Credits.....	100.00	
Sale of Stove, Frank Jackson	5.00	
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Total.....		20,333.27

Liabilities

Elementary Teachers.....	7,672.39	
Professional Credit.....	100.00	
Elementary Tuition.....	400.00	
Secondary Tuition.....	5,977.04	
Salary of Supt. of Schools.....	419.34	
Janitorial Service.....	276.75	
Conveyance & Bus Insurance.....	3,199.60	
Fuel.....	905.90	
Textbooks & Supplies.....	562.82	
Telephone & Electric.....	128.27	
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Total.....		19,642.11
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Balance on Hand, Feb. 1, 1956.....		691.16

LUNCH ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand, Feb. 1, 1955.....	106.64	
Raised by Town.....	200.00	
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Total Available.....	306.64	
Faid on Order.....	253.15	
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Balance on Hand, Feb. 1, 1956.....		53.49

REPAIR & INSURANCE

Balance on Hand, Feb. 1, 1955.....	23.05	
Raised by Town.....	800.00	
Total Available.....	823.05	
Paid on Order.....	525.35	
Balance on Hand, Feb. 1, 1956.....		297.70

PROPOSED BUDGET

Elementary Teachers.....	8,000.00	
Secondary Tuition.....	7,150.00	
Elementary Tuition.....	100.00	
Salary of Supt. of Schools.....	456.25	
Janitorial Service.....	275.00	
Conveyance & Bus Insurance.....	3,200.00	
Fuel.....	900.00	
Textbooks & Supplies.....	500.00	
Electric & Telephone.....	125.00	
Total.....		20,706.25

Sources

State School Fund	7,100.0
To be raised by Town.....	13,000.00

Repair

To be raised by Town.....	500.00
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The substantial balance left in the repair account is to carry out the plans made at the time of the appropriation, which was to take care of the fiscal repair program and to have and to use the balance for the purchasing of more new desks and chairs. The balance, therefore, is incumbent. The P. T. A. is cooperating

with us in the purchasing of modern desks and chairs. The Sew and Save Club is proving itself to be a substantial boost to our schools and its interest and gifts have been very praiseworthy. The minor repairs have been taken care of in the schools. The new oil heater at the North School has been paid for out of this year's repair account. We found it necessary to install a new circulating motor in our Village School heating plant.

Our tuition bill increased very substantially this year and that mainly takes care of the increase in the requested appropriation for next year.

Neither storms, epidemics nor other causes have caused interruptions of our school program up to the present time. Attendance has been outstandingly good.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS L. GRAY
Supt. of Schools

State of Maine
STATE DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT
Augusta

October 6, 1955

Board of Selectmen
Searsmont,
Maine

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 91, Section 142 of the Revised Statutes of 1954, an audit has been conducted of the financial records of the Town of Searsmont for the fiscal year ended February 11, 1955.

The examination was in the form of a limited general audit as recommended by the National Committee on Governmental Accounting and was conducted by Auditor R. G. Redman of the State Department of Audit. Audit analysis was on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year, and included all procedures which were considered necessary.

Insofar as could be ascertained within the scope of the examination, the financial transactions of the town appear to have been appropriately handled, with such exceptions as may be noted in the accompanying comments.

The financial and statistical sections, incorporated in this report, present the result of the town's financial operations for the period designated. Recommendations are also offered which are believed worthy of consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Very truly yours,

FRED M. BERRY
State Auditor

State of Maine
STATE DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT
Augusta

July 14, 1955

Mr. R. B. Knight, Chairman
Board of Selectmen
Searsmont, Maine

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your request to have this department make an audit of the books and records of the Town of Searsmont for the 1955 municipal year.

In due time the audit schedule for the 1955 requests will be prepared and attention will be given to the date of your request. You will receive official notification of the date scheduled as soon as it is possible to do so.

Very truly yours,

C. NEWELL DYKE

Municipal Auditor

COMMENTS

Town of Searsmont

February 13, 1954 to February 11, 1955

An audit of the financial records of the Town of Searsmont has been completed for the municipal year ended February 11, 1955. The audit included an examination of the financial records which were maintained by the town officers. The examination consisted of a review of cash transactions as well as an analysis of available funds and expenditures and the results are incorporated in the following text, exhibits and schedules pertaining to the fiscal affairs of the town.

The fiscal year's operations showed that expenditures exceeded available funds by \$354.16, per the following summary:

Departmental Operations:

Overdrafts.....	3,181.06
Unexpended Balances.....	2,826.90
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Net Overdrafts.....	354.16

The Department of Attorney General has advised that overdrafts are not permitted by statute except in certain instances where emergencies arise in highway activities and then only to the extent of 15% of the highway appropriation.

The Audit also revealed that certain phases of municipal operations may be strengthened by favorable consideration of the following suggestions:

When partial payments are received on tax mortgage liens, signed waivers should be obtained to protect the town's foreclosure rights.

Appropriation balances which are to be carried forward from year to year excepting those required to

be carried forward by law, should receive the approval of the voters.

Assets

The cash balance of \$3,193.41 was reconciled with a bank statement furnished by the First National Bank of Belfast, Maine. A count of cash was made at the date of audit and reconciled with the closing balance at February 11, 1955.

Other assets including taxes, accounts receivable, tax liens and tax acquired property, were reviewed and verification undertaken, on a test basis, to determine their validity at the year end. Unpaid accounts were also reconciled with the balances shown on the records of the selectmen.

The anticipated state and federal participation for hurricane damage amounted to \$2,787.23 and \$932.50 respectively at the close of the current year.

Liabilities

The general fund liabilities, as shown on the records, amounted to \$4,005.00. This amount represents principally hurricane damage notes negotiated on authority of the townspeople.

Reserves and Surplus

The appropriation accounts reflect a net unexpended balance of \$5,428.27 (Exhibit D) at the year end. This amount represents various appropriation account balances and overdrafts carried forward to the ensuing year in accordance with legal requirements or customary practice.

Withholding tax deductions due the Director of Internal Revenue totaled \$20.10 at February 11, 1955. Teachers' retirement deductions from the previous year due the State of Maine amounted to \$9.55.

The unappropriated surplus of the town amounted to \$609.64, a decrease of \$1,410.25 for the year. This change was occasioned

principally by the excess of expenditures over available funds and a town authorized transfer to bituminous treatment of state aid road No. 2.

Debt Fund

The debt fund, incorporated in the balance sheet as a separate fund, reflects the outstanding bridge construction notes of \$2,550.00, which are to be retired from revenues of future years.

Trust Funds

Transactions affecting funds held in trust by the town were reviewed. Fund principals of \$13,650.00 and unexpended income of \$2,262.39 were represented by time deposits and investments. The savings accounts and investments of these funds were verified by physical check at the First National Bank of Belfast, Maine.

Available Funds and Expenditures

An analysis of the comparative statement of available funds revealed an increase of \$17,285.41 as compared with the preceding year. This change was occasioned principally by state and federal participation for hurricane damage, increased revenue from the state for snow removal and state aid roads and a higher tax levy. Changes in carrying balances, a transfer from surplus and proceeds from notes issued were also contributing factors.

Expenditures for the same period increased by \$15,730.51. This increase was reflected primarily in the hurricane damage, highway and educational accounts. A decrease in debt retirement was also a factor.

A method of effectively canceling paid invoices should be adopted. This may be accomplished either by perforation or a rubber stamp device.

General

The examination of the town clerk's records revealed that the townspeople voted to transfer \$500.00 of excise tax revenue

to the New England Road account. It was also noted that the townspeople authorized the selectmen to transfer \$1,000.00 each from the surplus and snow removal accounts to the bituminous treatment of state aid road No. 2.

Taxes receivable of \$413.34 for the 1947 and 1948 years were discharged in accordance with a vote of the townspeople at the annual town meeting.

The transfer of \$1,385.30 from third class road and special resolve maintenance to state aid roads No. 2 and No. 6 was made by the selectmen. In this respect it is believed that such a transfer should be made on authority of the voters in the same manner as other authorized transfers.

Scope of Audit

Count of cash was made and records checked to determine the accuracy of recording cash transactions. The system of internal control was reviewed as pertained to the handling of cash and other matters of financial concern. External verifications, on a test basis, were utilized to determine the correctness of recorded assets and liabilities. Receipts, vouchers and canceled checks were examined for a selected period and major increases or decreases in revenue or expenditures, over previous years, were explored. Excise tax collections were verified by examination of the copies of the receipts retained by the collector. Trust fund transactions were reviewed and the securities were verified by actual inspection. Surety bonds were examined.

Various laws pertaining to the fiscal operations of the municipality were reviewed to determine that related financial transactions were properly administered.

Included in this report are exhibits and schedules pertaining to the financial status of the town. Audit procedures were followed to the extent deemed necessary to develop these statements.

It is believed that the accompanying balance sheet and supporting information fairly present the financial position of the town at February 11, 1955 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

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COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

General Fund			
ASSETS			
	February 11, 1955	February 12, 1954	
Cash in Bank	3,193.41	862.55	
Accounts Receivable (Sch. A-1)	97.06	4.23	
Taxes Receivable (Sch. A-2)	1,966.99	3,187.27	
Less—Reserve for Losses	56.09	413.34	
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	1,910.90	2,773.93	
Tax Liens (Sch. A-3)	983.12	713.35	
Tax Acquired Property (Sch. A-4)	168.34	252.70	
Hurricane Damage Participation:			
State Anticipation	2,787.23		
Federal Anticipation	932.50		
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Total—General Fund	10,072.56	4,606.76	
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable (Sch. A-5)	5.00		
Notes Payable (Sch. A-7)	4,000.00		
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Total Liabilities	4,005.00		
RESERVE			
Authorized Expenditures	5,826.61	2,495.72	
Less—Overdrafts	398.34		
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(Exhibit D)	5,428.27	2,495.72	
Due Governmental Agencies			
(Sch. A-6)	29.65	91.15	
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Total Reserves	5,457.92	2,586.87	
SURPLUS			
Unappropriated (Exhibit C)	609.64	2,019.89	
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Total—General Fund	10,072.56	4,606.76	
Debt Fund			
ASSETS			
Amount Necessary to Retire Notes from Future Revenue	2,550.00	3,700.00	
LIABILITIES			
Notes Payable (Sch. A-7)	2,550.00	3,700.00	
Trust Fund			
ASSETS			
Trust Funds (Sch. A-8)			
Time Deposits	4,612.39	4,372.33	
Investments	11,300.00	10,800.00	
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Total—Trust Funds	15,912.39	15,172.33	
LIABILITIES			
Trust Funds (Sch. A-8)			
Principals	13,650.00	12,850.00	
Unexpended Income	2,262.39	2,322.33	
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Total—Trust Funds	15,912.39	15,172.33	

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EXHIBIT B

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

	Years Ended		
	2-11-1955	2-12-1954	2-3-1953
Revenues			
Real, Personal and Poll Taxes.....	31,198.97	30,264.16	26,025.51
Supplemental Taxes.....	36.43	271.71	151.00
Excise Taxes.....	2,193.06	2,336.24	2,120.06
State of Maine.....	13,635.26	9,753.25	9,686.96
Hurricane Damage—State and Federal.....	13,402.93		
Gain on Sale of Tax Acquired Property.....	100.00	51.88	88.64
Education—Contributions.....		72.36	
Tax Lien Costs.....	149.26	117.91	178.78
Rental—Town Property.....	120.00	162.00	
Interest on Trust Funds.....		84.20	
Use of Tractor and Sander.....		88.50	
Miscellaneous.....	61.50	1.50	19.00
Total Revenues.....	60,897.41	43,203.71	38,269.95
Add:			
Transfer from Surplus.....	1,000.00		
Hurricane Damage Participation:			
State Anticipation.....	2,787.23		
Federal Anticipation.....	932.50		
Deferred Appropriation—Poor Relief.....			1,500.00
Proceeds from Notes Issued—Bridge			
Construction.....		3,200.00	
Decrease in Carrying Balances.....			505.58
	65,617.14	46,403.71	40,275.53
Deduct:			
Increase in Carrying Balances.....	2,932.55	1,004.53	
Total Available Funds.....	62,684.59	45,399.18	40,275.53
Expenditures			
General Government.....	3,595.38	3,094.85	3,201.40
Protection.....	583.36	424.13	315.41
Health.....	55.00	55.00	55.00
Highways and Bridges.....	15,130.10	14,634.53	12,992.74
Hurricane Damage.....	17,122.66		
Charities.....	3,700.89	5,671.40	3,970.65
Education.....	18,586.55	17,329.53	14,598.56
Cemeteries.....	267.30	232.40	155.97
Interest.....	215.80	214.47	237.75
Special Assessments.....	2,070.15	2,070.15	1,765.00
Unclassified.....	561.56	781.78	1,143.55
Total Operating Expenses.....	61,888.75	44,508.24	38,437.03
Debt Retirement—Notes.....	1,150.00	2,800.00	1,300.00
Total Expenditures.....	63,038.75	47,308.24	39,736.03
Excess of Expenditures over			
Available Funds.....	354.16	1,909.06	
Excess of Available Funds over			
Expenditures.....			539.50

TOWN WARRANT

State of Maine**County of Waldo, ss.****To Richard Shepard, a Constable of the Town of Searsmont
in the County of Waldo, Greeting:**

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town of Searsmont qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to assemble in the Town Hall in the Village in said Town on the Fifth day of March, A. D. 1955 at ten o'clock Eastern Standard Time, in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

- Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.
- Art. 3. To see if the Town will accept the report of the Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, and Collector of Taxes.
- Art. 4. To choose three or more Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year.
- Art. 5. To choose a Town Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- Art. 6. To choose one or more Road Commissioners for the ensuing year.
- Art. 7. To choose two members of the School Committee, one for three years and one for one year.
- Art. 8. To choose a Collector of Taxes and to determine the method of collecting the taxes.

- Art. 9. To choose one or more Constables for the ensuing year.
- Art. 10. To choose a Fire Chief for the ensuing year.
- Art. 11. To choose all other Town Officers.
- Art. 12. To see what wages the Town will vote to pay men and trucks for the ensuing year.
- (a) To see what the Town will vote to pay the Treasurer for the ensuing year. (\$150.00)
 - (b) To see what the Town will vote to pay the Town Clerk for the ensuing year. (\$75.00)
 - (c) To see what the Town will vote to pay the Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year. (\$1.25 per hour)
 - (d) To see what the Town will vote to pay all other Town Officers.
 - (e) To see what the Town will vote to pay the Fire Chief for the ensuing year. (\$75.00)
- Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to grant a two percent or more abatements on taxes for voluntary cash payment on or before July 10, 1956.
- Art. 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$55.00 for Public Health Nursing in Searsmont, said sum to be expended by the State Bureau of Health, for Local Service.
- Art. 15. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for State Aid Road Construction in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways, and bridges under the provisions of Sections 25 and 29, Chapter 20, R. S. 1944, as amended.

- Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to use both units of State Aid Road money on the East Seasmont Road.
- Art. 17. To see what two roads the Town will vote to spend Town Improvement money.
- Art. 18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following purposes:
- (a) Poor Relief. (\$600.00)
 - (b) Mothers' Aid.
 - (c) Supplement Aid to Old Age Assistance and Blind.
 - (d) Roads and Bridges. (\$3,000.00)
 - (e) Pond Road. (\$100.00)
 - (f) Maintenance or construction of Improved Third Class Roads. (\$500.00)
 - (g) Snow removal for the year 1956-57 and by what methods the snow shall be removed. (\$900.00)
 - (h) Town Officers' Salaries. (\$2,000.00)
 - (i) Contingent Account. (\$450.00)
 - (j) Town Report, Fuel and Office Supplies. (\$500.00)
 - (k) Interest on Loans. (\$500.00)
 - (l) Street Lights. (\$150.00)
 - (m) Commission of Tax Collector. (\$650.00)
 - (n) Fire Dept. Equipment. (\$1,000.00)
 - (o) Fire Dept. Men.
 - (p) Old Cemeteries and Flags. (\$200.00)
 - (q) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 to take care of fire department notes in the First National Bank of Belfast.

- Art. 19. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of Common Schools for the coming year. (\$13,000.00)
- Art. 20. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the schoolhouse repairs, insurance and new equipment. (\$500.00)
- Art. 21. To see by what method the Town will vote to adopt for the care of the poor and needy of said Town during the ensuing year.
- Art. 22. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for Civilian Defense.
- Art. 23. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$650.00 to take care of bridge construction note at the First National Bank of Belfast.
- Art. 24. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for construction of New England Road, beginning at end of new construction. (\$500.00)
- Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to earmark \$500.00 of Excise Tax for construction of New England Road, beginning at end of new construction.
- Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to earmark \$500.00 from excise tax to be expended on Moody Mountain Road between Howard Clark's and Cora Richards' road.
- Art. 27. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$100.00 for the Robbins Road, so called, said road leading from Route No. 131 to Toothaker's Field.

- Art. 28. To see what action the Town will take in regard to purchasing Power Grader.
- Art. 29. To see what sum of money the Town will raise for the purchase of Power Grader.
- Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen in behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any Real Estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute Quit Claim Deed for such property.
- Art. 31. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to procure Temporary Loan or Loans, not to exceed a total of \$10,000.00 and to execute and deliver in the name of the Town its note or notes thereof, said loan or loans to be paid during the municipal year out of money raised by taxes during the current year.
- Art. 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$100.00 for School Lunches.
- Art. 33. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for supplement aid to care of Oak Grove Cemetery and any other necessary aid for other cemeteries. (\$200.00)
- Art. 34. To see whether or not the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 to be paid to the State of Maine Publicity Bureau to be expended and used for advertising the natural resources, advantages and attractions of the State of Maine in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 91, Section 108, of the Revised Statutes of 1954.

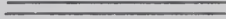
The Selectmen will be in session at the Town Hall at nine o'clock Eastern Standard Time, in the forenoon on the fifth day of March, A. D. 1956, for correcting the voting lists.

Given under our hand this seventeenth day of February, A. D. 1956.

A true copy attest:

IRVIN R. JACKSON
CLARENCE E. GELO
CHARLES R. MACKENZIE

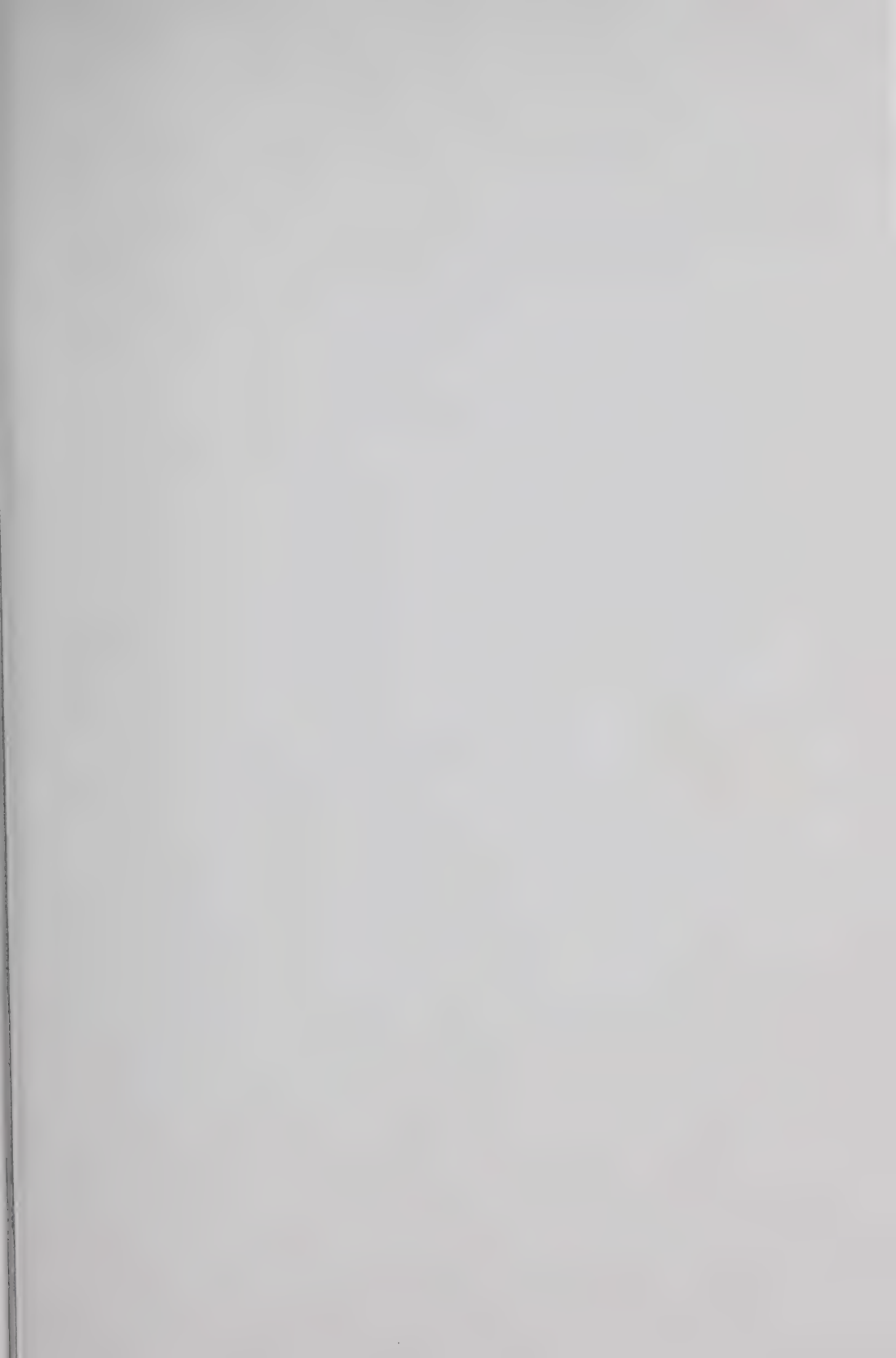
Selectmen of Searsmont



In submitting this annual report we, your selectmen, have endeavored to make such necessary decisions at the time as were considered advisable for the best interests of the town and trust our efforts meet with your approval.

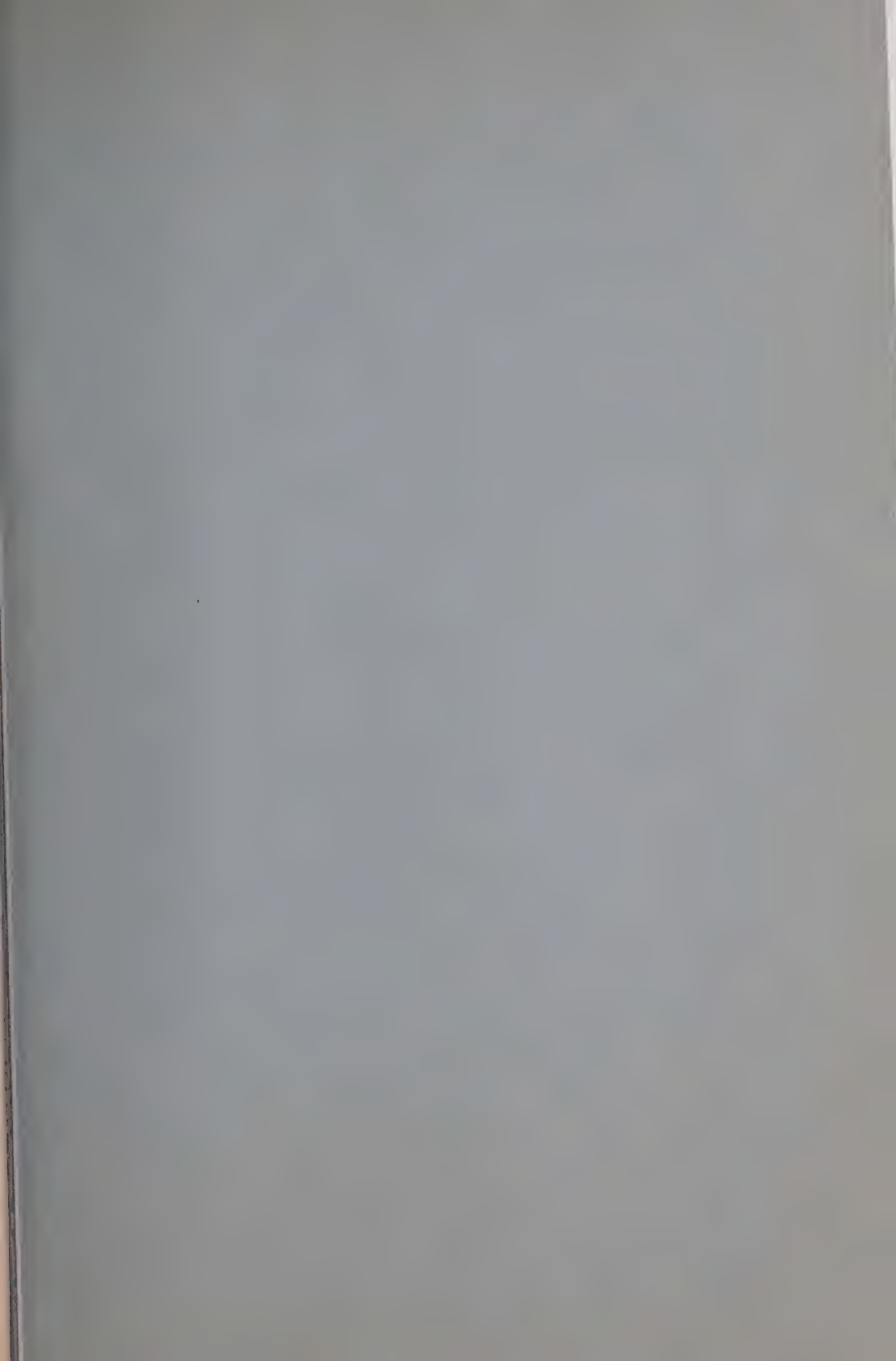
Respectfully submitted,

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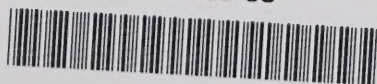






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